

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Damien Egan (Mayor), Yemisi Anifowose, Tauseef Anwar (Chair), Paul Bell, Chris Best, Andre Bourne, Natasha Burgess, Juliet Campbell, Will Cooper, Laura Cunningham, Liam Curran, Sophie Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Sian Eiles, Billy Harding, Stephen Hayes, Coral Howard, Edison Huynh, Mark Ingleby, Mark Jackson, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Eva Kestner, Louise Krupski, Ayesha Lahai-Taylor, Jack Lavery, Aisha Malik-Smith, Joan Millbank, Hilary Moore, John Muldoon, Oana Olaru, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Stephen Penfold, Kim Powell, James Rathbone, James Royston, Rudi Schmidt, Aliya Sheikh, Sakina Sheikh, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Hau-Yu Tam, James-J Walsh, Luke Warner, Carol Webley-Brown and Susan Wise

ALSO PRESENT: Emma Aye-Kumi, Jeremy Chambers and Jennifer Daothong

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Barnham, Councillor Peter Bernards, Councillor Suzannah Clarke, Councillor Brenda Dacres, Councillor Ese Erheriene, Councillor Rosie Parry and Councillor Liam Shrivastava

1. Election of Speaker

Councillor Stamirowski MOVED, Councillor Schmidt SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Anwar be elected as Speaker for 2023/24.

2. Election of Deputy Speaker

Councillor Stamirowski MOVED, Councillor Schmidt SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Jacq Paschoud be elected as Deputy Speaker for 2023/24.

3. Minutes

It was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on March 1 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

4. Declaration of Interests

None.

5. Announcements or Communications

RESOLVED that the written announcement be noted.

6. Executive Composition

The Mayor informed the Council of the composition of his Cabinet for the municipal year 2023-24 as follows:

Name	Portfolio
Damien Egan	Mayor of Lewisham
Cllr Brenda Dacres	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Development and Planning
Cllr Chris Barnham	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Cllr Paul Bell	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Cllr Juliet Campbell	Cabinet Member for Communities, Refugees and Wellbeing
Cllr Sophie Davis	Cabinet Member for Housing Management Homelessness and Community Safety
Cllr Amanda de Ryk	Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy
Cllr Louise Krupski	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action
Cllr Kim Powell	Cabinet Member for Businesses, Jobs and Skills
Cllr André Bourne	Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Communications (job share)
Cllr James-J Walsh	Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Communications (job share)

7. Scheme of Delegation

The Speaker MOVED, Cllr Jacq Paschoud SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to note that there were no changes to the existing Mayoral Scheme of Delegation in Part VIII of the Council's Constitution.

8. Constitutional Changes - Phase 2

Councillor MOVED the report and proposed an additional recommendation that the Chairs of Planning A and B take turns to Chair the Strategic Planning Committee, with the other being Vice Chair.

It was also noted that the Monitoring Officer would ensure the terminology used in the Constitution is appropriate and also 'tidy up' any minor spelling, grammatical and formatting errors.

Councillor Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the following was agreed:

Petition Scheme Recommendations

1. That the Council adopts the revised petition scheme as set out in the report with immediate effect.

Amalgamation of Committees Recommendations

1. The Audit Panel be renamed the Audit & Risk Management Committee;
2. The Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee be paid Special Responsibility Allowance of £7151 in recognition of the remit of the committee;
3. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee meets six times a year;
4. That there are no changes to the Health & Safety Committee at present but the matter is kept under review following the transfer of the housing stock to the Council from Lewisham Homes;
5. That the Elections Committee and Constitutional Working Party are merged into a Governance Committee that meets as and when required as determined by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of the committee.
6. A Special Responsibility Allowance of £7151 be paid to the Chair of Pensions Investments Committee.

Planning Committee Arrangements Recommendations

1. The deletion of the current four committees and the establishment of two main planning committees of equal standing;
2. The creation of a new Strategic Planning Committee, which only meets when an application falls within Parts 1-4 of the Schedule to The Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008.
3. That the new Strategic Planning Committee be constituted as follows: -
 - a. Chairs of the two Planning Committees;
 - b. Vice-Chairs of the two Planning Committees;
 - c. Two Cabinet Members nominated by the Mayor;
 - d. One other member from each of the two Planning Committees.
4. That the Chairs of both committees be paid a Special Responsibility Allowance of £10,216 (an amount equal to the current SRA payable to the Chair of Strategic Planning Committee) and the Chair of Strategic Planning Committee does not get a Special Responsibility Allowance;
5. That each main committee has a membership of 8 councillors;
6. That each main committee meets bi-monthly;
7. That the threshold for referral to a main Committee be increased from 3 objections to 10 objections;
8. That amenity societies must be formally constituted and meet the terms of the London Forum for Amenity and Civic Societies;
9. That any objection from an amenity society is not automatically referred to a main committee but suitability for referral to committee is determined by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chairs of both committees (or Vice-Chairs in their absence) in a Chairs' Briefing.
10. That the Chairs of Planning Committee A and Planning Committee B will be Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, alternating roles for each meeting.

Overview & Scrutiny Arrangements Recommendations

1. The current three-tier scrutiny structure is replaced with a simplified two-tier structure made up of an Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the current select committees;
2. That the number of councillors on Overview & Scrutiny Committee be 10;

3. That the Chair of each Select Committee must be a member of Overview & Scrutiny Committee but cannot be the Chair or Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
4. That councillors who sit on any of the Council's regulatory committees are able to also sit on Overview & Scrutiny Committee or any of its Select Committees;
5. That the Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee is £13,281;
6. That the Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the chairs of each of the Select Committees is £7,151;
7. That the Chair of any Task & Finish Group does not receive a Special Responsibility Allowance;
8. That the work programmes for the Select Committees are approved by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
9. The current Task & Finish Groups are recommended to remain provided the following provisions are put in place: -
 - a. The remit, scope, duration and membership of Task & Finish Groups can only be agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
 - b. Any non-Executive councillor can be selected to sit on a Task & Finish Group;
 - c. The maximum number of councillors that can sit on a Task & Finish Group is five (5);
 - d. No more than three (3) Task & Finish Groups can be undertaken in any single municipal year.
10. That any post decision call-ins are dealt with by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
11. That any pre-decision scrutiny which has taken place is brought to the attention of the decision-maker (ordinarily Mayor & Cabinet) to ensure they are fully informed of the views of scrutiny as appropriate;
12. That, in circumstances where pre-decision scrutiny has taken place and the decision-maker has been made aware of the outcome of the pre-decision scrutiny, there is no requirement for the decision-maker to formally respond to the pre-decision scrutiny;
13. To note that the Head of Overview, Scrutiny & Policy, as the Council's statutory scrutiny officer, will be issuing further detailed guidance following the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

9. Committee Terms of Reference

The Speaker MOVED, the Deputy Speaker SECONDED and Council RESOLVED to note agree the revised Terms of Reference for Planning Committees A and B, Strategic Planning Committee, Governance Committee and Audit and Risk Committee.

10. Allocation of seats

Cllr Stamirowski MOVED, Cllr Schmidt SECONDED, and Council RESOLVED that all seats on all committees be allocated to the Labour Group.

11. Appointments to Committees

Cllr Stamirowski MOVED, Cllr Schmidt SECONDED and Council RESOLVED that the following appointments to Committees were agreed:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Rudi Schmidt
Ese Erheriene

Luke Sorba
Chris Best
Stephen Penfold
James Rathbone
Liam Shrivastava
James Royston
Joan Millbank
Mark Ingleby

Children & Young People Select Committee

Luke Sorba
Luke Warner
Yemisi Anifowose
Hilary Moore
Liz Johnston-Franklin
Jacqueline Paschoud
Jack Lavery
Monsignor Nicholas Rotherham (non-councillor co-optee)
Rev. Erica Wooff (non-councillor co-optee)
Brian Strom (non-councillor co-optee)
Clive Caseley (non-councillor co-optee)
Oluwafela Ajayi (non-councillor co-optee)
Monsignor Nicholas Rotherham (non-councillor co-optee)

Healthier Communities Select Committee

Chris Best
Alyia Sheikh
Laura Cunningham
Peter Bernards
Stephen Hayes
John Muldoon
Carol Webley-Brown

Housing Select Committee

Stephen Penfold
Will Cooper
Suzannah Clarke
Rosie Parry
Natasha Burgess
Bill Brown

Sakina Sheikh

Public Accounts Select Committee

James Rathbone

Billy Harding

Eva Kestner

Joan Millbank

Aisha Malik-Smith

Mark Ingelby

Susan Wise

Safer Stronger Select Committee

Liam Shrivastava

Hau-Yu Tam

Ayesha Lahai-Taylor

Mark Jackson

Oana Olaru

Coral Ann Howard

Rachel Onikosi

Sustainable Development Select Committee

James Royston

Edison Huynh

Sian Eiles

Tauseef Anwar

Liam Curran

Eva Stamirowski

John Paschoud

Health & Safety Committee

Laura Cunningham

Paul Bell

Natasha Burgess

Chris Best

Carol Webley-Brown

Ayesha Lahai-Taylor

Pensions Investment Committee

Sian Eiles
Louise Krupski
John Muldoon
James Royston
Liam Shrivastava
Mark Ingleby
Mark Jackson
Chris Best

Governance Committee

Jacq Paschoud
James-J Walsh (CAB)
Will Cooper
Aisha Malik-Smith
Oana Olaru
John Paschoud

Council Urgency Committee

Tauseef Anwar
Brenda Dacres
Paul Bell
Rudi Schmidt
Joan Millbank
Jacq Paschoud

Standards Committee

Hilary Moore
Bill Brown
Brenda Dacres
Rosie Parry
Aliya Sheikh
Eva Stamirowski
Will Cooper
Peter Bernards
James Rathbone
Rachel Onikosi

Cathy Sullivan (non-councillor co-optee)
Gill Butler (non-councillor co-optee)
David Roper Newman (non-councillor co-optee)
Leslie Thomas (non-councillor co-optee)
Fasil Bhatti (non-councillor co-optee)
Joy Walton (non-councillor co-optee)

Appointments Committee

Rudi Schmidt
Cabinet Member
Cabinet Member
Joan Millbank
Peter Bernards

Audit & Risk

Eva Kestner
Hau-Yu Tam
Billy Harding
James Rathbone
Suzannah Clarke
Luke Sorba
Ian Pleave (non-councillor)
Stephen Warren (non-councillor)
Carole Murray (non-councillor)
1 non-councillor vacancy

Public Transport Liaison Committee

James Royston
Edison Huynh
Louise Krupski
Open to all Cllrs

Licensing Committee

Susan Wise

Yemisi Anifowose
Coral Ann Howard
Bill Brown
Luke Warner
Eva Kestner
Mark Jackson
Liam Shrivastava
Edison Huynh
Stephen Hayes

Planning Committee A

Peter Bernards
Sian Eiles
Sakina Sheikh
Rosie Parry
Jacq Paschoud
William Cooper
Liam Curran
Stephen Penfold

Planning Committee B

Jack Lavery
Aliya Sheikh
Hilary Moore
Liz Johnston-Franklin
John Paschoud
Billy Harding
Oana Olaru
John Muldoon

Strategic Planning Committee

Peter Bernards
Jack Lavery
Sian Eiles
Aliya Sheikh
Liam Curran
John Paschoud

Cabinet Member

Cabinet Member

12. Appointments to outside bodies

The Speaker MOVED, the Deputy Speaker SECONDED and Council RESOLVED that the following appointments to outside bodies were agreed:

Organisation	Appointment 23/24	Notes
Age Exchange Board of Trustees (1)	Amanda de Ryk	Blackheath Cllrs only / 1 day work p/month
Albany 2001 Council of Management (1)	Stephen Hayes	1 day work p/month
Albion Millennium Green Trust (1)	Billy Harding	
Blackheath Joint Working Party (3)	Amanda de Ryk Juliet Campbell Luke Warner	Blackheath Cllrs only
Deptford Challenge Trust (1)	Rosie Parry	1 meeting a month – 3 hrs avg
Lewisham Local History Society (1)	Jacq Paschoud	
London Youth Games (2)	Hilary Moore Aisha Malik-Smith	1 -2 days at Games in July & support to Team Lewisham
Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust (1)	Laura Cunningham	1 meeting every 6 weeks, 2 hrs avg
Trinity Laban (1)	Laura Cunningham	0.5-1 day p/month
Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) JHOSC (2)	Chris Best Carol Webley-Brown	4 meetings a year & travel to different Boroughs
Youth First Board (1)	Edison Huynh	4 year term / 1.5 days

13. Mayoral appointments 2023-24

The Mayor informed the Council of the following mayoral appointments:

Position	Appointment 23/4
Brent, Lewisham, Southwark IT Committee (2)	Amanda de Ryk Brenda Dacres
Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board	Chris Barnham
Corporate Parenting Group (6)	Chris Barnham (Cabinet) Paul Bell (Cabinet) Luke Sorba Jacq Paschoud Carol Webley-Brown Edison Huynh
Groundwork Local Authority Strategic Input Board	Susan Wise
Health & Wellbeing Board (2)	Damien Egan Paul Bell
Intercultural Cities: Group Spokesperson	Edison Huynh
Joint Street Lighting Committee (2)	Louise Krupski Amanda de Ryk
Lewisham Homes Board (2)	Susan Wise Mark Jackson
Lewisham College	Hilary Moore
Lewisham Local Collaborative	Joan Millbank
Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board	Hau-Yu Tam
Local Government Association – General Assembly (4)	Damien Egan Brenda Dacres Chris Barnham Rudi Schmidt
London Councils: a. Leaders' Committee b. Grants Committee c. Greater London Employment Forum d. Transport & Environment Committee	 a. Damien Egan / Brenda Dacres b. Damien Egan / Juliet Campbell c. Amanda de Ryk / Kim Powell d. Louise Krupski / Brenda Dacres
London Road Safety Council (2)	John Paschoud Carol Webley Brown
Newable (Greater London Enterprise)	Kim Powell

Phoenix Community Housing Association (2)	Jacqueline Paschoud Oana Olaru
Positive Ageing Council Steering Group	Coral Howard
Safer Lewisham Partnership	TBC
SLaM Governor	James Rathbone
Social Services Fostering Panel	Jacqueline Paschoud
South East London Combined Heat & Power (SELCHP) Board	James Royston
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) (3)	Jacqueline Paschoud Liz Johnston-Franklin Aliya Sheikh
London South East Flood Risk Partnership	Louise Krupski
Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association	Jacqueline Paschoud
Works Council	All Cabinet members
Capital Letters	Sophie Davis

CHAMPIONS

Evening and Night Time Economy Champion	Will Cooper
Mental Health Champion	Stephen Hayes
Cycling Champion	Mark Ingleby
Armed Forces Champion	Brenda Dacres
Heritage Champion	Chris Best
Air Quality Champion	Yemisi Anifowose

14. Council meetings calendar 2023-24

The Speaker MOVED, the Deputy Speaker SECONDED and the Council RESOLVED that:

(1) ordinary meetings of the Council be held on 17 May 2023, 3 July 2023, 27 September 2023, 22 November 2023, 28 February 2024 and 13 March 2024 and that the Annual General Meeting be held on 27 March 2023; and

(2) the schedule of meetings that was tabled at the meeting for the municipal year 2023/24 be approved.

15. Annual Mayoral report

The Mayor delivered his annual address to Council which can be viewed in entirety at

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=7780&Ver=4>